

**REMARKS**

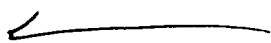
Prior to the examination of the above-referenced case on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Thus, claims 1-25, 30, 31 and 35-37 are pending.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, include features and limitations which are not described or suggested by the prior art cited by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1-25, 30, 31 and 35-37 are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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